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1. In June and July 1954, approximately six sq. km. of forest near Paide were cleared by felling trees with power saws. The clearing was located about nine km. east-northeast of Paide, and measured about two km. from east to west, and about three km. from north to south. A screen of trees was left on all sides of the clearing, and the area was surrounded by a barbed wire fence and marked with signs reading "Forbidden Zone". The laborers and the troops guarding the area all belonged to an Army labor battalion, and wore Soviet Army uniforms with black shoulderboards. At different times, armed guards and from 20-50 laborers were seen in the area. 25X1
2. In August 1954, earth-moving machines were brought into the area, and were apparently being used to dig ditches for foundations of an unspecified nature. Cement-mixers, cement, sand, and gravel were brought in by truck, and a new road was built from Vodja to the cleared area. (see sketch map on page 2).
3. In January 1955, it was possible to see from outside the area that a number of flat concrete surfaces had been laid in the clearing, and that work was continuing. 25X1

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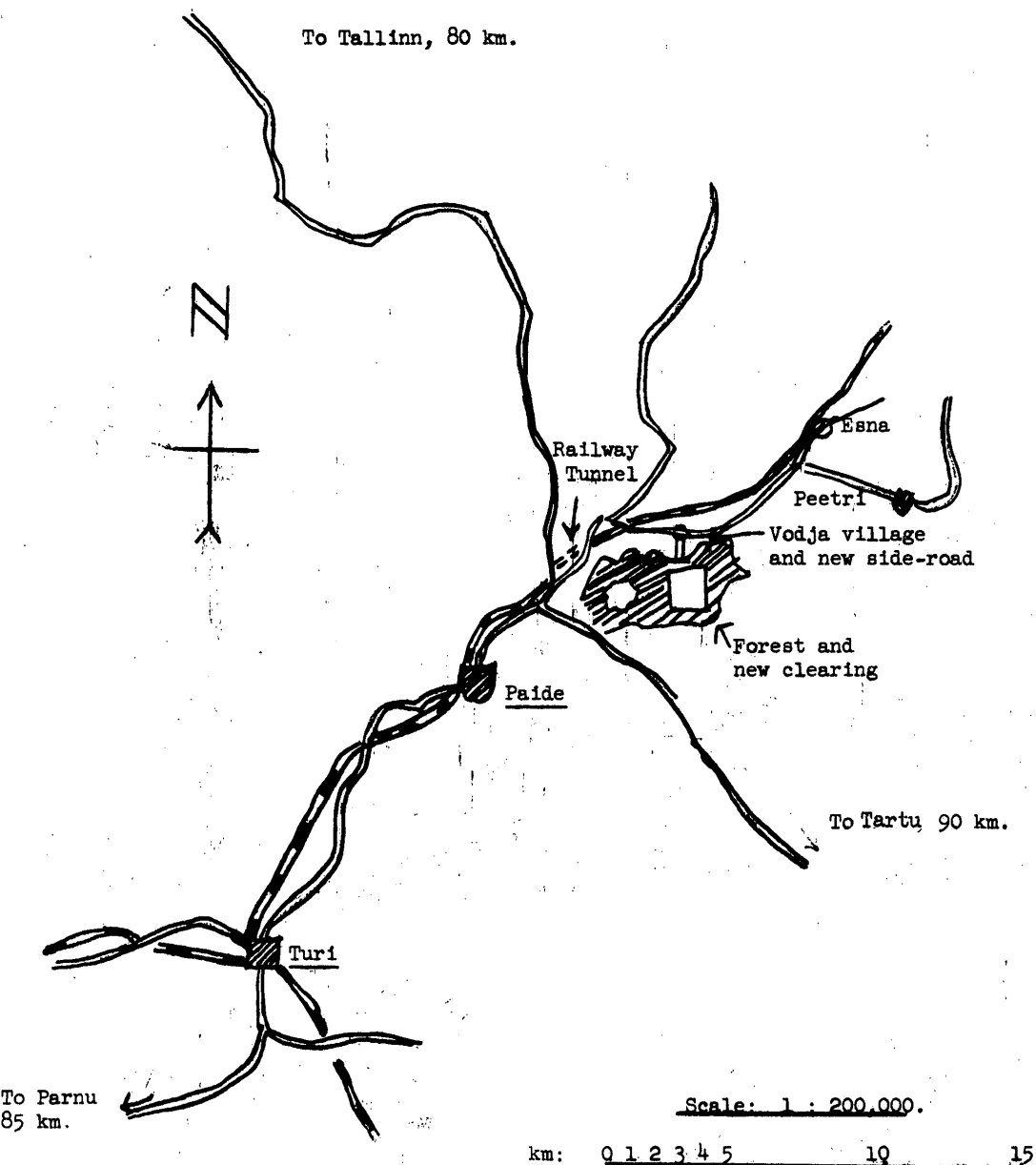
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